

**BPWNA Board Meeting**  
**May 3, 2005 @ Cherokee Business Incubator**

**Members Present:** Chad, Johnson, President; Bill Byrd, Vice President; Linda Hennigh, Treasurer; Eric Winters, Secretary; Jean Durel, Tom Stehl, Marlene Levine, Bruce Levine, Derrick Morris and Deana Davis

Meeting Began at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Linda presented the board with the current financial status, including an account balance of \$10,207.01.

**President's Report**

Chad praised the board for a productive board work day on April 30. An update on the current committee structure and chair persons was provided:

    Beautification: Derrick Morris (seeking co-chair)

    Block Link Program: Pam Atchley, Christopher Holmes, Anna Hancock, Gail Wilson

    Community Garden: Eric Winters

    Communication Team: Bryan Herring, Bill Byrd and Eric Winters

    Facilities Team: Bill Byrd

    Youth Outreach Team: Deanna Davis (seeking additional help)

    Housing: Open

Chad continued by thanking Bill for his work on setting up the offices and acquiring a number of donations. Membership is doing well, especially in terms of business memberships. Finally, Chad spoke of how much he enjoyed the Neighborhood Leadership Academy that he, Bill and Tom participated in.

**Committee Reports**

- A. Beautification Team** – Derrick spoke with Jill at the Refuse Division regarding possibly speaking in June or July. He hopes more people will express interest in an adopt-a-planter program. It was suggested that he may want to create an example planter to show off and encourage further support from other neighbors. He hopes to use the probation kids for cleanups in the neighborhood.
- B. Block Links** – Tom reported that the group is still trying to get the program up and running. Michael Noll was able to pick up 500 Good Neighbor Guides to distribute to block links. The Coordinating Team had wanted to bring the block links back together for another meeting, but there was some concern that the program isn't ready for another meeting. Chad and the board suggested that the coordinating team needs to better understand their roles and what is expected of them, including attending board meetings.
- C. Community Garden** – The Garden Kickoff BBQ is planned for May 21, and Eric is expecting a good turnout. Things are starting to grow in the garden! Watering issues are being worked out, with SSDN watering twice weekly and Eric watering on the weekend using the fire hydrant adapter he obtained from the City.
- D. Communications Team** – Bill reported that the logo design work for the neighborhood

has been donated. Information will be needed for the website soon. Look for it to be displayed in a demo form at the Office Open Houses.

- E. Youth Outreach** – Deana volunteered to put together goodie bags for the kids attending the Garden BBQ.
- F. Housing** – Chad is talking to someone about chairing this committee.
- G. Facilities** – The May newsletter was designed in the office. Bill presented a proposal for a software order for the office computers. The board approved the purchase. The office Open House will be May 22 from Noon to 4 p.m.

### **Support Organizations**

- A. Incarnate Word Foundation** – Jean explained that Artworks program for youth will feature portraits of Benton Park West. She obtained a number of suggestions of neighborhood artwork opportunities from the board. The portraits will be made into note cards. Jean explained that a group she works with called “Healing in Ministry” will be planning a day of pampering for neighborhood women in October. Jean also requested any more signups for the Project for Public Spaces workshop.
- B. Sustainable Neighborhoods** – Chad is having problems getting information from them, due to his decision to not sign on to their protesting the SNDO Small Business Loan Program. Eric suggested that the neighborhood promote the loan program more.
- B. Weed n Seed** – Bill noted that the neighborhood has been extended through 2006 as a Weed n Seed neighborhood, but he said we should already start to think how to continue the programs into the future. Chad will be a counselor at the DEFY camp this summer.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Pot Luck** – Another potluck will occur before the June neighborhood meeting.
- B. Yard Sale** – The board approved a \$100 budget for advertising the yard sale (which has now been temporarily postponed until August/September)

### **New Business:**

- A. Mission & Vision**– The board approved the mission of the neighborhood association be presented for approval to the association. The vision proposed did not seem to fit an appropriate vision, and thus the board will re-evaluate the vision component.
- B. Meeting Space** – Chad motioned that due to continued problems with Salvation Army meeting space, the July meeting and onward will be moved to Five Star Senior Center. New signs are already in the works, so this will work out well to do at this time.
- C. Chairperson of Youth Outreach** – Deana Davis was realigned from the Beautification Committee to the Youth Outreach Committee. \$150 was approved for spending on goodie bags for the youth at the BBQ.

**Agenda for next meeting discussed and approved, which will feature Joe from Southside Garden Stop as the speaker. Plants will be available to the neighborhood residents in attendance.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.**